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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2013-0201]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough, Everett, and Marysville, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the SR 529 Bridges across the Snohomish River, mile 3.6 near Everett, WA and the SR 529 Bridges across Steamboat Slough, mile 1.1, near Marysville, WA. This deviation is necessary to accommodate the Total Health Events Heroes Half Marathon. This deviation allows the bridges to remain in the closed position to allow safe movement of event participants.

DATES: This deviation is effective on April 28, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. until 12:01 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2013-0201] is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management

Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the

Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or e-mail Randall Overton, Bridge Administrator, Coast Guard Thirteenth District; telephone 206-220-7282, e-mail Randall.D.Overton@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has requested that the SR 529 Bridges across the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough remain closed to vessel traffic to facilitate safe, uninterrupted roadway passage of participants of the Total Health Events Heroes Half Marathon. The SR 529 Bridges which cross the Snohomish River at mile 3.6 provide 38 feet of vertical clearance above mean high water elevation while in the closed position. The SR 529 Bridges which cross Steamboat Slough at mile 1.1 provide 10 feet of vertical clearance above mean high water elevation while in the closed position. Vessels which do not require a bridge opening may continue to transit beneath the bridges during this closure period. Under normal conditions the SR 529

Bridges crossing the Snohomish River operate in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1059(c) which requires advance notification of one-hour when a bridge opening is needed. Under normal conditions the SR 529 Bridges crossing Steamboat Slough operate in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1059(q) which requires advance notification of four hours when a bridge opening is needed. This deviation period is from 7:00 a.m. on April 28, 2013, to 12:01 p.m. April 28, 2013. The deviation allows the SR 529 Bridges crossing the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough, to remain in the closed position and need not open for maritime traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. on April 28, 2013. The bridges shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.1059 at all other times. Waterway usage on the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough includes vessels ranging from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. Mariners will be notified and kept informed of the bridges' operational status via the Coast Guard Notice to Mariners publication and Broadcast Notice to Mariners as appropriate. The bridges will be required to open, if needed, for vessels engaged in emergency response operations during this closure period.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridges must

return to their regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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